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The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia: draft decision

Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe

The General Assembly decides to include in the provisional agenda of its seventy-third session the item entitled "Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe".

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General and complete disarmament: taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations

Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/71/L.41

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 of draft resolution A/C.1/71/L.41, the General Assembly would:

(a) Decide to convene a United Nations conference in 2017 to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination;

(b) Decide that the conference shall convene in New York, under the rules of procedure of the Assembly unless otherwise agreed by the conference, from 27 to 31 March and from 15 June to 7 July 2017, with the participation and contribution of international organizations and civil society representatives;

(c) Decide that the conference will hold a one-day organizational session in New York as soon as possible;

(d) Decide that the conference shall submit a report on its progress to the Assembly at its seventy-second session, which will assess the progress made in the negotiations and decide the way forward;

(e) Request the Secretary-General to provide the support necessary to convene the conference and to transmit the report of the conference to the Conference on

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Disarmament and the Disarmament Commission and to the United Nations high-level international conference on nuclear disarmament foreseen in paragraph 6 of resolution 68/32.

II. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 and to the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

2. The requested activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and programme 3, Disarmament, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 (see A/69/6/Rev.1) and section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 2) and A/70/6 (Sect. 4), respectively).

III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

3. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraphs 8, 10 and 11 of the draft resolution, it is envisaged that the United Nations conference to negotiate a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons, leading towards their total elimination, would hold a total of 42 meetings (21 days) in New York with interpretation in all six languages, which would constitute an addition to the meetings workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2017. This would entail additional requirements for meetings services in the amount of $252,000. The details of the meetings are as follows:

(a) One-day organizational meeting consisting of 2 meetings in early 2017;

(b) Five-day first session consisting of 10 meetings from 27 to 31 March 2017;

(c) Fifteen-day second session consisting of 30 meetings from 15 June to 7 July 2017.

4. Furthermore, the request for documentation contained in operative paragraphs 8, 10, 13 and 14 of the draft resolution would constitute an addition to the documentation workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of 12 pre-session documents (total of 31,800 words), 18 in-session documents (total of 47,700 words) and 2 post-session documents (total of 21,400 words), to be issued in all six languages in 2017. This would entail additional requirements for documentation services in the amount of $440,600.

5. Pursuant to operative paragraph 14 of the draft resolution, the Office for Disarmament Affairs would provide the substantive services necessary for the convening of the conference. All Member States would be encouraged to participate in the conference. The conference would also be convened with the participation and contribution of international organizations and civil society representatives.

IV. Modifications required in the programme of work and the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

6. To meet the provisions of the draft resolution, the outputs under subprogramme 2 of section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 would need to be amended in respect of the information and outreach activities during the implementation of the budget, as follows:

Paragraph 4.46

Under "(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget and extrabudgetary)", add:

"(vii) United Nations conference on a legally binding instrument to prohibit nuclear weapons:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings (42);

b. Parliamentary documentation: working papers (30); report of the conference (1);"

V. Financial implications of the proposals

7. Additional conference-servicing resource requirements in the amount of $692,600 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, would be required under the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 to implement the additional workload. The details of these additional one-time resource requirements are provided in the table below.

(United States dollars)

Conference-servicing resource	*Amount*
Interpretation	252 000
Pre-session documentation	139 000
In-session documentation	207 600
Post-session documentation	94 000
Total	**692 600**

VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2016-2017

8. No provisions have been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the implementation of the activities requested in operative paragraphs 8, 10, 11, 13 and 14 of the draft resolution. It is not possible at present to identify activities within the relevant sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that the additional one-time resource requirements in the amount of $692,600 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017.

VII. Contingency fund

9. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VIII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

10. **Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/71/L.41, additional resource requirements in the amount of $692,600 would arise under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. The amount of $692,600 would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017 to be approved by the Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.**

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General and complete disarmament: Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices

Programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices

Programme budget implications of draft resolution A/C.1/71/L.65

Statement submitted by the Secretary-General in accordance with rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly

I. Requests contained in the draft resolution

1. Under the terms of operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 7 of draft resolution A/C.1/71/L.65, the General Assembly would:

(a) Request the Secretary-General to establish a high-level preparatory group on a fissile material cut-off treaty with a membership of 25 States, chosen on the basis of equitable geographical representation, which will operate by consensus, without prejudice to national positions in future negotiations, and which will meet in Geneva for two sessions of two weeks each, the first in 2017 and the second in 2018, to consider and make recommendations on substantial elements of a future non-discriminatory, multilateral and internationally and effectively verifiable treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices, on the basis of CD/1299 and the mandate contained therein, and which will also examine, with a view to making possible recommendations, the report of the Group of Governmental Experts, mandated in resolution 67/53, as contained in document A/70/81, as well as the views submitted by Member States as contained in documents A/68/154, A/68/154/Add.1, A/71/140 and A/71/140/Add.1;

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(b) Request the Chair of the high-level preparatory group to organize, in New York, two open-ended informal consultative meetings, of two days each, so that all Member States can engage in interactive discussions and share their views, which the Chair shall convey to the preparatory group for consideration, with the first meeting convening in 2017 to consider the report of the Group of Governmental Experts, and the second in 2018 in order for the Chair to provide a report in his own capacity on the work of the preparatory group;

(c) Call upon the Secretary-General to transmit the report of the high-level preparatory group to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session and to the Conference on Disarmament prior to its 2019 session;

(d) Request the Secretary-General to render the high-level preparatory group and its Chair all the necessary assistance, including the provision of relevant documents.

II. Relationship of the proposed requests to the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 and the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

2. The requested activities referred to in the draft resolution relate to programme 1, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, programme 3, Disarmament, and programme 25, Management and support services, of the biennial programme plan and priorities for the period 2016-2017 (see A/69/6/Rev.1) and section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, section 4, Disarmament, and section 29F, Administration, Geneva, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 (A/70/6 (Sect. 2), A/70/6 (Sect. 4) and A/70/6 (Sect. 29F), respectively).

III. Activities by which the proposed requests would be implemented

3. Pursuant to the request contained in operative paragraphs 2 and 3, it is envisaged that the high-level preparatory group on a fissile material cut-off treaty would meet in Geneva for two sessions of two weeks each, the first session, in 2017, of 10 days' duration, consisting of 20 meetings (one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon), and the second session, in 2018, of 10 days' duration, consisting of 20 meetings (one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon), for a total of 40 meetings (20 days). It is also envisaged that the Chair of the preparatory group would hold, in New York, two open-ended informal consultative meetings in 2017 and 2018. The first would convene in 2017 for two days with four meetings (one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon); the second would convene in 2018 for two days with four meetings (one meeting in the morning and one in the afternoon), for a total of eight meetings (four days). The aforementioned meetings would require interpretation in all six languages and would constitute an addition to the meetings workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management in 2017 and 2018. This would entail additional resource requirements for meetings services in the amount of $158,000 in both 2017 and 2018. In addition, sound technician/recording services would be required in support

of the meetings, which would entail additional resource requirements in the amount of $6,900 in both 2017 and 2018.

4. Furthermore, the request for documentation contained in operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 7 would constitute an addition to the documentation workload for the Department for General Assembly and Conference Management of 5 pre-session documents (total of 8,500 words) to be issued in all six languages, 25 in-session documents (total of 33,000 words) to be issued in English only and 1 post-session document (10,700 words) to be issued in all six languages in both 2017 and 2018. This would entail additional resource requirements for documentation services in the amount of $131,000 in both 2017 and 2018.

IV. Modifications required in the programme of work and the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017

5. To meet the provisions of the draft resolution, the outputs under section 4, Disarmament, of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 would need to be amended in respect of activities during the implementation of the budget, as follows:

Subprogramme 1: Multilateral negotiations and deliberations on disarmament and arms limitation

Paragraph 4.40

Under "(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget and extrabudgetary)", add:

"(xi) General Assembly: High-level preparatory group on a fissile material cut-off treaty:

a. Substantive servicing of meetings in 2017 (20);

b. Parliamentary documentation: pre-session documents (5); in-session documents (25); and post-session document (1);"

Subprogramme 2: Weapons of mass destruction

Paragraph 4.46

Under "(a) Servicing of intergovernmental and expert bodies (regular budget and extrabudgetary)", add:

"(vii) General Assembly: High-level preparatory group on a fissile material cut-off treaty (informal consultative meetings):

a. Substantive servicing of meetings in 2017 (4);

b. Parliamentary documentation: post-session document (1);"

V. Financial implications of the proposals

6. Additional one-time resource requirements in the amount of $591,800 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and section 29F, Administration, Geneva, would be required under the

programme budget for the bienniums 2016-2017 and 2018-2019 to implement the additional workload. The details of these additional resource requirements are provided in the table below.

(United States dollars)

	Total resource requirements	*Resource requirements for 2017*	*Resource requirements for 2018*
Section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management			
Interpretation	316 000	158 000	158 000
Pre-session documentation	72 600	36 300	36 300
In-session documentation	5 000	2 500	2 500
Post-session documentation	184 400	92 200	92 200
Subtotal, section 2	**578 000**	**289 000**	**289 000**
Section 29F, Administration, Geneva			
Sound technician/recording services	13 800	6 900	6 900
Subtotal, section 29F	**13 800**	**6 900**	**6 900**
Total	**591 800**	**295 900**	**295 900**

VI. Potential for absorption during the biennium 2016-2017

7. No provisions have been made in the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 for the implementation of the activities requested in operative paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 7 of draft resolution A/C.1/71/L.65. It is not possible at present to identify activities within the relevant sections of the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017 that could be terminated, deferred, curtailed or modified during the biennium. It is therefore necessary that the additional one-time resource requirements in the amount of $295,900 for 2017 be provided through an additional appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017. The remaining resource requirements of $295,900 for 2018 would be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.

VII. Contingency fund

8. Under the procedures established by the General Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 and 42/211, a contingency fund is established for each biennium to accommodate additional expenditures derived from legislative mandates not provided for in the programme budget.

VIII. Conclusion and action required of the General Assembly

9. Should the General Assembly adopt draft resolution A/C.1/71/L.65, additional resource requirements in the amount of $295,900 for 2017, including $289,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $6,900 under section 29F, Administration, Geneva, would arise under the programme budget for the biennium 2016-2017. The amount of $295,900 would require an additional appropriation for the biennium 2016-2017 to be approved by the General Assembly and, as such, would represent a charge against the contingency fund.

10. The additional resource requirements in the amount of $295,900 for 2018, including $289,000 under section 2, General Assembly and Economic and Social Council affairs and conference management, and $6,900 under section 29F, Administration, Geneva, would be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2018-2019.